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AN IMPARTIAL DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT.

When a child takes a razor in its hand we may predict with every degree of safety a cut finger or a cut face; when a novice essay to throw the boomerang we may be almost equally certain that he will achieve for himself a broken head; and when an inexperienced youth rushes hastily into print and assumes the garb of mentor, we may without much fear of contradiction prognosticate a self-inflicted catastrophe. There is a fatality that attends slipshod writers in their novitiate very similar to that which accompanies the followers of Minnehaha—the fatality of self-contradiction. If they make one assertion in the morning they are very apt to make an opposite one at night, because, having no idea of their own, they necessarily belong to that class spoken of by Napoleon, who are always of the opinion of the first comers and the last speaker. Our contemporary the *Chronicle*, has, we are sorry to say, after a period of extraordinary gynaecology, at last fallen under this "first comers and last speaker" category. On Monday it tells us with all the pomposity of light-headed, presumptuous inexperienced that the only thing to save the country is to tax un-cultivated lands; on Tuesday it denounces the idea as socialist, and almost words for the poor land speculator who is taxed to death, and who will leave the colony if his burden be increased. It sees nothing in view, as asked by the House, but abject submission on our part to British Columbia, and rule to Vancouver Island. Is a few days, however, it has recovered from its flight and asks politicians of all shades to join end save the country by a union with the neighbouring colony. No one else ever changed its hue more rapidly. When Dr. Tolmie takes hold of his head and gives it a little squeeze, it talk loudly of the wrongs of men who hold large tracts of land in their primitive state, and shows that if they cultivate a few acres out of a thousand the tax on the thousand will be equal to seven per cent. of the produce of the few acres—ergo, says this reasoner, the large landholders are very badly treated. When Mr. DeCosmo takes it under his wing it talk proudly of the dangers of paying the Civil List, and of the righteousness of our claims against the Hudson's Bay Company. In the unfortunate scribe undergoes a manipulation at the hands of Dr. Holmecken, the claims against the Company suddenly become mythical, and the people are snared at for thinking they ever had any claims at all. When Dr. Trimble—for it seems rather in want of the doctors—suggests that there should be some active steps taken to settle the question of the Crown Lands, it becomes enthusiastic in the matter, and is ready to advocate any scheme that will tend to bring the subject to a final close. Met, however, in the interim by an official from James Bay, its ear immediately coils down, and with indignation that is perfectly terrifying, it lenches its *brutus fuisse* at the suggestion of a delegation. "Everything by turns and nothing long" would seem at present to be the most appropriate motto that could be found for our gynaecological party.

Above all the acrobatic contortions, however, performed by this "mighty engine" of public opinion, we believe last week bears the stamp of the poor. The engine was up, and it worked vigorously to show the parity of the English Government, and the correctness of the boast of Britons that "they never, never, never, never would slaves." The poorest and weakest subject could obtain his right from the Government as well as the most powerful—for the idea that because we were a small colony our voice would be any less heard in Downing street than was simply rank brassy. This time the machine was under the hands of Mr. DeCosmo on the Civil List question, and it ground out the following:—

"They do not ignore that fond old delusion to which we so tenaciously cling that the English Government admits into its dominions the justice of a claim rather than the strength of an argument."

Two days afterwards, however, it manufactured an article "Conciliating Delegates" under the special supervision of a clerk in one of the Government offices, if we take its own line of reason for estimating motives, and in this incubation, as will be seen, the patriotic steam had become condensed and was having nothing but cold, sceptical water. The "justice of the claim and not the strength of the claimant" doctrine is repudiated, and we are told in as many words that the Home Government will be guilty of dishonesty if the applicant be weak and his opponents powerful. Thus saith the oracle:—

"When the interests of a little colony thousands of miles away would come into collision with the pocket of the shareholders of the Hudson's Bay Company, and the popularity of the English Ministry, we do not think it hard to predict the result."

This is rather a startling somersault; but as we proceed we get used to the amazement. On Friday morning, April 7th, we are assured that our claim against the Hudson's Bay is a righteous one, and there is a kind of pleasant hope expressed that His Excellency has added his "weighty remonstrance in favor of the justice of our claim." Says our contenter—

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COMMERCIAL.

FROM NAMIBIA.—The steam tug Diana, Capt. McOllis, arrived from Namibie on Saturday afternoon with a few passengers and towing the Company's barge with 90 tons of coal to E. Broderick. The Diana passed H.M.S. Chameleon in the harbor Wednesday morning bound for Breda's Point. The ship Aquila, in tow of the G. S. Wright, arrived on Thursday and commenced discharging ballast.

FOR PORTLAND.—The steamer Geo. S. Wright is advertised to sail for Portland to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

FOR VALPARAISO.—The ship Frigate Bird is now ready for sea and will probably sail to-day for Valparaiso.

THE ALEXANDRA.—This steamer will sail for New Westminster and Harrison river this evening.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

APRIL 15.—Star G. S. Wright, Lewis, Namibie
Sip. Name: *Yester*, 300 tons, San Juan
Sip. Name: *Carson*, San Juan
Sip. Name: *Croby*, Ketchum, Astoria
Sip. Name: *Alpha*, George, Namibie

CLIPPER.

APRIL 15.—Schr. J. K. Thorntons, Thorntons, San Juan
Schr. Name: *Croby*, Ketchum, Namibie

BIRDS.

At the Royal Hospital in this city, on the 15th instant, James Hope, aged 45 years, a native of Bath, England.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the church at the foot of Johnson street, on Monday the 17th, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

GOOD FRIDAY was almost universally observed in this city as a holiday, all the public offices and places of business being closed, and the citizens generally being "out of town." Bidding, driving, boating and walking parties were out in all directions. Sangster's Plains, Goldstream, Saanich and Cadboro Bay attracted the greater number of the aquatic pleasure seekers, while the beautiful waters of Victoria's Arm were dotted with a flotilla of boats, who darted through the foaming gulls and gulls themselves along the romantic shores of the Upper Arm, till every wooden vessel, sail and sailless, were within the fire of the gay picnics, and the sweet sounds of corset and flute echoed and re-echoed round the rocky hills and winding creeks, adding fresh charms to the spot. The day passed merrily with no accident or mishap occurring to mar the general enjoyment.

INSURANCE.—The Chronicle, with characteristic assumption, essays in its last issue to call us to account for endeavouring to allow the proper credit to be given to contributors to the Ladies' Bazaar. We suppose we should feel much indebted to our contemporaries for the gratuitous and unequalled service bestowed upon us, but, inasmuch as we do not recognize in any of the contributions of the joint the capacity to dictate as to what is or is not fit matter for publication, any more than to soigné out of the state of public feeling on any subject, the admiration is thrown away, and we would mildly suggest that future bounties be directed to some other channel.

VALPARAISO.—The residents in the vicinity of Craigflower have been much annoyed by the stamped destruction, by an individual whose utilitarian soul greatly exceeds his love of the beautiful, of a large and fine maple tree which stands on the side of the road close to the school-house. The tree was not at all in the way of passing vehicles, but because it encroached on the space laid out for the road it was ruthlessly felled, and so nearly burnt down that its vitality is probably destroyed, and an ornament to the road and the neighborhood thus demolished.

THE EASTER SERVICES yesterday at Christ Church, St. John, and the other places of worship in the city were highly impressive; great pains were taken by the respective choirs to render the anthems and other sacred music worthy of the occasion. The performance of Dr. Mont's Grand Mass at St. Louis College Church attracted a large number of persons who were much struck by the beauty of music which the band music was rendered in the Orchestral and Choir under Messrs. Sandris and Palmer.

BURIAL OF DR. WALLACE.—The funeral of the late C. W. Wallace, Esq., M.D., father of Mr. C. W. Wallace, of the firm of Dickson, Campbell & Co., of this city, took place on Saturday afternoon at half-past one o'clock.

FROM JAPAN.—By the British ship Boroche, which arrived at San Francisco on the 1st instant, in sixty days from Yokohama, we learn that the troubles of the foreigners with the Japanese are far from being ended. Horrible harships are being perpetrated by the subjects of the Tycoon, who, however opportunity offers, and the courages have no palliation. They are caused simply by the feeling of hatred experienced by the Japanese toward outsiders.

THEATRICAL.—Mr. Ward's benefit comes off to-night, and will without doubt attract a crowded house, both from sympathy with the performance and from the attractions of the programme. Some of our best amateurs will appear, and the musical programme will of itself repay the audience for their attendance. The box office will be open for the sale of tickets at eleven this morning.

THE TELEGRAPH line from Seattle had not connected with New Westminster when the Enterprise left on Saturday morning, but the position of the break was reported to have been traced to within the compass of 6 miles, and it was confidently expected that a day or two would enable Mr. Haines and his men to repair the mischief and set the wires "talking."

ANOTHER AWAY OFFICES IN CARIBOO.—Mr. Edwin Russell, the head of the British Columbia, will leave to-morrow morning for New Westminster on route for Williams Creek, where he will remain for several months as manager of the Rockfield Branch. Mr. Russell takes with him an experienced assayee, and all the necessary material for opening an assay office in connection with the bank.

THE ALEXANDRA.—This fine stern-wheel steamer, after having had a thorough overhauling and refitting, has emerged from the hands of the painters looking smarter than ever she did. A number of persons accompanied her on a trial trip on Good Friday, when everything, we are informed, worked satisfactorily. She will leave at six o'clock this evening for Fraser river.

THE U. S. S. SURFACE arrived here early on Friday morning from Seattle, bringing us later telegraphic despatches from the seat of war. The Subsidiary only remained a short time and sailed for San Francisco direct.

THE CANAL.—The Columbia my.

His Majesty's ship Camelon arrived at Esquimalt on Thursday, where she still remains: The officers of the ship were entertained at Government House.

EVERYMAN.—The steamer Helene has succeeded in getting up to Yale, although with difficulty, touching bottom several times. She will run her regularly.

LATER EASTERN NEWS.

DATE TO THE 10TH.

Particulars of Lee's Capitulation.

SHERMAN IN POSSESSION OF RALEIGH.

Lincoln and the Peace Movements.

STONEMAN IN THE REAR OF DANVILLE.

TERMS OF LEE'S SURRENDER.

HEADQUARTERS ASSEMBLED IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

THE GUERRILLA.

